

Mansfield Public Schools

Board of Education Update

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Information regarding the current status of the Mansfield Public Schools: items, issues, challenges, and opportunities district staff addressed during the month, as well as upcoming district and school events.

Enrollment

Gr.	GW		SE		VN		MMS		Total
		+/-*		+/-*		+/-*		+/-*	
PK	28	6/0	26	2/0	34	6/1			88
K	34	4/1	38	5/1	41	3/1			113
1	42	0/1	49	4/1	49	10/2			140
2	33	5/0	53	10/2	45	2/5			131
3	39	0/5	46	7/1	48	1/2			133
4	28	1/0	35	5/3	50	2/3			113
PK-4									718
5							126	11/4	126
6							135	5/0	135
7							139	2/1	139
8							143	4/1	143
# Boys	111		116		137		278		
# Girls	93		131		130		265		
Total	204	15/7	247	33/8	267	24/14	543	22/6	1261

*Enrolled/Withdrawn

Homeschool: 14 students from 7 families

	GW	SE	VN	MMS	District
Immigrant Children*	5	8	1	5	19
ELL**	16	12	9	12	49

*Eligible immigrant children are defined as a) ages 3-21 enrolled full-time in school, b) not born in any state, c) have not been attending 1 or more schools in 1 or more states for more than 3 full academic years.

**English Language Learners

District Performance Targets (12-13)

Indicator	Participation Rate	DPI	Target	Achieved
DPI*	100.0%	90.0	88.0	Yes
Students w/ Disabilities	100.0%	64.1	62.1	Yes
Free/Reduced Eligible	100.0%	79.4	78.0	Yes
Hispanic or Latino	100.0%	78.7	81.8	No
ELL	100.0%			
Reading	100.0%	88.4	86.7	Yes
Mathematics	100.0%	90.9	88.0	Yes
Writing	100.06%	91.1	88.0	Yes
Science	100.0%	92.0	88.0	Yes

* District Performance Index

Connecticut Mastery Test Results

/ % of students at/above goal – March 2013

Grade	Math	Writing	Reading	Science
3 – 115	95 / 83.3	89 / 77.4	88 / 76.5	n/a
4 – 124	102 / 82.3	90 / 72.6	92 / 75.4	n/a
5 – 137	124 / 91.9	116 / 85.3	108 / 80.6	119 / 86.9
6 – 141	108 / 76.6	107 / 76.4	112 / 80.0	n/a
7 – 135	117 / 86.7	120 / 88.9	122 / 90.4	n/a
8 – 141	105 / 75.0	122 / 87.1	118 / 84.3	117 / 83.0

Students not reaching goal in one or more areas: (2013-2014 grade)

Gr. 4 – 39/34%	Gr. 7 – 57/40%
Gr. 5 – 49/39%	Gr. 8 – 26/19%
Gr. 6 – 43/31%	Gr. 9 – 44/31%

Budget

- Food Service Comparison:

August 2013-January 2013		August 2013-January 2014	
Paid Meals	Total Meals	Paid Meals	Total Meals
38,749	76,579	44,780	76,637

- Presented 2014-2015 Proposed Budget of \$21,036,040 (+1.68%) to Board of Education.

Personnel

	Certified	Non-Certified
Retirements	0	0
Resignations	0	2
Requests for Leave	0	0
New Hires	0	2
Reduction in Force	0	0

- Attended Employee Benefits Quarterly Update

District: Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

Including Instructional Technology Applications

- Facilitated continued implementation of District CCSS Plan Year 2.
- Continued Study Island software program for all district grade 3 and 4 students to use both at school and at home.
- Facilitated Technology Committee meeting.
- Facilitated school building level meetings to discuss curriculum, instruction, and assessment.
- Facilitated Physical Education External Program Review initial meeting.
- Provided ongoing information regarding Smarter Balanced Assessments.

Policies

- Implement revised MBOE Policies approved at October 10, 2013 meeting.
- Facilitated implementation of changes to MPS Teacher/Administrator Professional Learning & Evaluation Plan.
- Participated in two Policy Committee meetings to review Resident Students Not Attending Public Schools Policy.

Security

- Continued the implementation of required crisis prevention drills for all schools with emergency management officials.
- Continued the implementation of Tabletop Emergency Procedures Drill preparation.
- Continued to implement Board approved enhanced safety measures.

Building and Grounds

- Continued to implement an alternative work order system.
- Initiated setup up and initial planting at MMS greenhouse.
- Facilitated removal of trees at Goodwin.
- Continued work on lunch table issue at Goodwin.

Maintenance Work Requests						
	GW	SE	VN	MMS	Total	
Solved	6	10	8	14	38	57%
Pending	5	4	3	9	21	31%
Open	0	1	3	4	8	12%
Total	11	15	14	27	67	100%

Programs

Study Island Through January 25, 2014							
Grade 3				Grade 4			
Math		Reading		Math		Reading	
Q*	% Correct	Q*	% Correct	Q*	% Correct	Q*	% Correct
1099	55.9	468	47.2	65	25.1	53	19.5

*Number of questions attempted on grade level

Energy

- Facilitated school building energy committees.
- Continued to facilitate guidelines for after school building use in an effort to reduce energy consumption.
- Monitored use of energy efficient refrigerators to replace classroom use of small refrigerators.
- Initiated monitoring of gas heat & electric energy charges at MMS due to fuel conversion project.
- Implemented with finance and maintenance department common comprehensive energy management system.

Communication

- Provided all staff with an update of Administrative Council items.
- Facilitated four Administrative Council meetings.
- Held monthly Facilities Management Meeting.
- Attended MAC meeting.
- Continued to implement digital take home notices at all schools.
- Attended Hockanum and URSA Superintendents meetings.
- Continued budget discussion with Region 19 and sending school superintendents.
- Attended Superintendents' Legal Issue Forum.
- Held Quarterly meeting with Town Manager, Finance Director, and Maintenance Director.
- Facilitated meeting with MMS staff to review proposed budget.

Professional Development

- Supported the continued development of school data teams.
- Implemented District Common Core State Standards as outlined in district plan year two.
- Facilitated Professional Development Committee Meeting.
- Facilitated TEAM Committee Meeting.

Technology Administrative Applications

- Continued implementation of HealthOffice Software.
- Continued implementation of automated system for recording substitutes.
- Continued use of Horizon library system software.
- Continued implementation of Pearson Limelight Inform to track student assessment data to inform instruction.
- Continued implementation of MMS Parent Portal.
- Implementation of School Messenger software program for transportation and school delays/closings to parents/guardians.
- Continued to implement Versatran's school bus routing software.
- Implemented a secure file program for certified staff professional learning and evaluation plan.
- Continued conversation with Bloomboard regarding potential use for certified staff professional learning and evaluation plan.

Other

- Attended Learning Focused Supervision Series Workshop.
- Attended Education Elements Personalized Learning Workshop.
- Attended Mental Health First Aid Training.
- Attended Shipman & Goodwin Exploring the Landscape of Section 504.
- Attended CABA PK Hot Topic meeting.
- Attended ELL Consortium at EASTCONN.
- Attended CAPSS Small Districts Committee meeting.
- Attended CAPSS Affordable Health Care Act Seminar
- Attended CIRMA Annual meeting.
- Attended CAPELL Meeting.
- Attended CAPSS Legislative Committee meeting.
- Attended CABA Area 3 Legislative Breakfast.
- Attended EASTCONN RTT Grant & Personalized Learn Think Tank meeting.
- Attended CAPSS Assessment & Accountability Committee meeting.

Additional information will be provided upon request by calling 429.3350 or by emailing mboesupt@mansfieldct.org.

Mansfield Public Schools Monthly Memorable Moments

Goodwin School

- Third graders from Goodwin met with their new friends from Sweeney School in Windham. This annual collaboration is sponsored by the Altrusa group whose membership includes former Goodwin principal, Anne Rash. Sweeney students and their teachers came to Goodwin. The group will get together again at Sweeney School later in the year. The event culminates with a trip to the University of Connecticut followed by the much awaited trip to the UConn Dairy Bar.
- Goodwin students were very excited to see the Trestle Tree when they returned from the winter break. Each day, they look forward to what new activity Mr. Dean has for them in the gym.
- Kindergarten and first grade students are actively participating in a writing workshop. Goodwin is sponsoring three interns from UCONN who assist students in writing all year.

Southeast School

- The Southeast PTO funded an exciting school wide assembly called Bubbleology. We watched the presenter create the most unique bubbles you could imagine. His creativity and love of science was used to kick off eight weeks of planning for Invention Convention and Science Fair.
- Our classroom teachers have spent time doing individualized progress monitoring of students reading, math and spelling skills. January is a good time to celebrate successes and set goals for the second part of the academic year. We are pleased with the overall growth of our students.
- Our third and fourth grade students are busy preparing for their Gotta Be Jazz performance next month. We hope you can join us Wednesday, February 26 at 7:00 pm.

Vinton School

- "I hope for a great and bright future for the school." These are the words of Annie E. Vinton as she spoke to students, staff and members of the community at an assembly on January 27th, 1952. On this day the brand new six-room Annie E. Vinton School opened for grades one through eight. Six teachers (including the principal) taught at the new school. Over the past 62 years there have only been 7 principals and the student population has grown from 153 to 267 students. In 1952, the day started at 9:00 AM, ended at 2:48 PM, and there were two recesses. Lunch cost 35 cents per day and milk was only 3 cents per day. During an interview for the school newspaper, Mrs. Annie E. Vinton was asked if she had a hobby. She replied, "Schools, they've been my hobby for years."
- Beginning this month, Vinton 4th grade students will be running the new Vinton Post Office with Enrichment teacher Mrs. Terry. Each hallway in the school has been assigned a street name. Students in any classroom can send mail to anyone else in the school via the new Post Office. Mail carriers will pick up and deliver mail each morning.

Mansfield Middle School

- The month of January was a busy and exciting time for our MMS robotics teams. They competed in the Manchester Robotics tournament with 44 of the best robots in the state. The MMS Team 902A took home the championship trophy in a hard fought elimination round victory. The middle school's robot and E.O Smith's robot anchored the winning alliance. On Saturday, January 25th MMS hosted a robotics tournament. MMS Team 902A earned the Middle School Excellence award at the 2014 Ct State Vex Tournament which qualifies them for an invitation to the 2014 World Championships in Anaheim in April. Team 902A scored 23 points in Programming Skills which currently has them ranked 144th in the World and Team 902 B had a record of 3-3 in qualification matches and ended ranked 20th of the 47 teams present. Congratulations to our coaches, Mr. & Mrs. Perkins and our robotics teams.
- Mansfield Middle School Chamber Choir performed at the Board of Education meeting on Thursday, January 23, 2014. These 7th and 8th grade students sang two songs a cappella (without accompaniment) while board members, staff and parents enjoyed the PowerPoint slides of all the Related Arts being offered at MMS.
- Mansfield Middle School students attended the Connecticut Association of Schools Student Leadership Conference at Trinity College in Hartford. The students participated in interactive workshops on the theme of "Making Acceptance Acceptable." Attendees, who were self-nominated amongst active Student Council members and officers, included 5th grader Kolby Durocher, 6th graders Haley Blomstrann, Zoe Chafouleas, Marley Jordan, Matei Mandoiu, and Joy Rollins, 7th grader Jonas Goemans, and 8th graders Caleb Blanchard and Mina Farooqi. The cohort was chaperoned by Student Council Advisors Jenn McMunn and Hope Mulholland.
- History Day to UConn - On Monday, January 27th, three teachers, two UConn interns, and six parents took sixty-eight 6th, 7th, and 8th grade History Day participants to UConn. These motivated students have elected to participate in this year's National History Day competition. The theme for History Day this year is Rights and Responsibilities. The competition program involves creating a thesis-based research project that includes analysis of a number of historical sources. At UConn, student groups rotated through several stations on campus. At the Dodd Research Center, archivist Laura Smith pre-selected numerous periodicals, journal entries, photographs, and letters specifically related to students' research topics. At the Babbidge Library, librarian Jen Lanzing offered instruction on navigating UConn's online databases for research. Lastly, students engaged in walking tours led by docents from the Benton Museum. Through these tours, students continued to hone their historical analysis skills by investigating the purpose and cultural significance of public art and monuments. Students' History Day projects will be showcased at the District Competition on Saturday, March 22nd at MMS.

Upcoming Events in February:

Please join us at any/all of these events

GW	SE	VN
Square 1 Art Night 2/20/14 6:30pm	BOW-Southeast Shares 2/13/14	PTA Meeting 2/3/14 7:00pm
PTO Meeting 2/24/14 6:30pm	Family Game Night 2/21/14 6:30pm	Vinton Concert & Celebrate Vinton 2/20/14 2:15pm
Town Meeting 2/27/14 2:30pm	3 rd & 4 th Grade Concert 2/26/14 7:00pm	
MMS		
Regional Math Counts 2/1/14	Science Genie Gr. 5 2/7/14	Middle School Science Bowl Competition at UCONN 2/22/14 7:30am
District		
Board Meeting 2/6/14 7:30pm	Board Meeting 2/13/14 7:30pm	February Vacation 2/17-18/14

Link to District Four Schools Calendar of Events:

<http://www.mansfieldct.gov/content/3607/5184/7573.aspx>

or:

Go to <http://www.mansfieldct.gov/mboe> (Board of Ed. website)

- 1) In the middle at the bottom is a link called "Calendar of Events"
- 2) Click on that link and it will bring you to the calendar.